

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 144

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A RESOLUTION to name the bridge on Austin Springs Road (old Highway 11E) across the Watauga River in Washington County in honor of Eugene H. "Po Do" Woodward.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary citizens who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Eugene H. "Po Do" Woodward of Washington County, son of the late William and Pauline Gibson Woodward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodward owned and operated Po Do's Market for 37 years, a popular gathering place for local farmers and others who came together to visit and converse; and

WHEREAS, Po Do Woodward was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who attended Cash Hollow Presbyterian Church and strove to be a friend to people of all walks of life and a benefactor to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodward was deeply devoted to his family and enjoyed the love and companionship of his wife, Edna Cretsinger Woodward, and their son, Randall Woodward; he is

also survived by brothers Robert Woodward and Edward Woodward, and sister Evelyn Reynolds, as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of Eugene H. "Po Do" Woodward's bountiful life of purpose and commitment, this General Assembly wishes to honor Mr. Woodward's memory by naming the bridge on Austin Springs Road crossing the Watauga River for this beloved citizen of Washington County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge on Austin Springs Road (old Highway 11E) across the Watauga River in Washington County is hereby designated as the "Po Do Woodward Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding Tennessean who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on Austin Springs Road (old Highway 11E) as the "Po Do Woodward Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.